

JULY 15, 1966 - KEWB - Joel Dolan & Kerry Thornley

Thornley & Dolan

D. "He never learned to drive a car did he?"

T. "That's - uh - that's what I'm told."

T. "Strangely enough his favorite book was 1984. --- In my own mind I had labelled him a parlor communist."

On Oswald's rifleman capacity:

T. "He had a marksmanship medal, I am told --- it means that he was a better shot than the average man. However, I later had a chance to visit Dallas after assassination --- I think it would have been an easy shot."

Dolan = he had a poor rifle & a telescopic sight how do you explain that

Thornley = "Well, I've never fired with a telescopic sight, I couldn't tell there."

Dolan (telescopic sight jumps --- & this takes a bit of seeking).

Thornley = "It would have been next to impossible" (to fire off three shots in time).

Dolan = "Of course you didn't ^{know} Marina"

Thornley = "No, I didn't."

Dolan = on how Oswald could escape detection as a Communist
Thornley = This is one point where I have to disagree ^{with Marina Corps} with the critics --- pink in our sympathies. I summed it up in my book you don't train --- and go over and be an ambassador --- "

Thornley = "MACS - discipline was very lax in this outfit."

Dolan = Would you think of O committing such a mistake?

Thornley = "I have no reason to think either way on it" --- This is a hard thing to judge about a man.

Dolan = Have you had any contact with ^{Marquise Oswald, Marina Oswald}

Thornley = ~~Yes~~ ^{Marquise} Oswald sent me a letter

after reading about me.
she read about the "Idle Warriors".
I turned it over to a gentleman who was acting
as my agent (request by Marguerite Oswald)

Dolan = What do you think of the conjectures on Warren Report?

Thomley = "When WR came out I used it for research for my book
--- when 26 volumes came out & I scanned
those --- now I'm very skeptical --- right now
I'm thinking he was probably framed.

--- I have not read any of the books of the
critics, any knowledge of them comes second-hand

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testimony of
R. Craig (p. 157 of Bantam issue) --- this
created doubt --- (on ~~his~~ identification of Oswald)

Dolan = do you think Craig should have been appointed to defend Oswald.
Thomley = No I don't. I don't think the WC should
have been convened.... I think the gov't should have
staged out of it completely."

Dolan = on Oswald as a patsy
Thomley = (said it was on television) --- "it was
cut off on a number of stations

Dolan (on Ruby) =
Thomley = "he said high gov't officials were involved."

Dolan = (on Marina's testimony)
Thomley = "from what I gather of Marina
and this is all second-hand --- she wasn't
the poor innocent girl we all thought of"